WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Work place hazard for women

*66. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work-place hazard is high for women industrial workers, particularly those associated with Call Centres and BPOs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to safeguard the interest of female workers in such organizations particularly working in night shifts?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) the BPO sector and the Call Centres fall under the State Sphere. State Governments have provided exemption under their respective shop and Establishments Act to establishments in the Information Technology and Information Technology enabled Services, to enable them to engage female workers at night, subject to certain conditions meant to safeguard the safety and interest of female workers.

Whenever there is any violation of labour laws, appropriate action is taken by the State Government concerned in accordance with these laws.

Central outlay in PMGSY

*67. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central outlay in the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) allocated to different States in the country during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) what is the amount of money released unspent, State-wise and

(c) the targets achieved so far particularly in respect of the States of Maharashtra and Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is not an allocation based programme. However, normative annual allocations are intimated to State to enable them to formulate proposals of

appropriate size. A Table indicating year-wise normative allocation and release of funds to States under PMGSY during 2004-2005 and 2005-06, State-wise , is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The funds for 2006-07 have not yet been allocated.

2. The Ministry of Rural Development has so far cleared proposals of States/Union Territories for coverage of 45583 eligible habitations. According to reports so far received from States/Union Territories, against 46643 road works approved by the Ministry of Rural Development, 29564 road works have been completed. Against 149421 Km. of road works approved, 82792 Km. have been constructed.

3. The number of habitations cleared for coverage and the targets achieved so far in terms of road works in respect of Maharashtra and Punjab are given below:

	No. of Habitations	Number of road work approved	Number of road works completed	Length of road works approved (Km.)	Length of road works constructed (km.)
Maharashtra	888	2158	1486	5146.84	3144.77
Punjab	418	508	398	1282.78	781.00

Statement

Normative allocation and release Under PMGSY in 2004-05 *and* 2005-06

(Rs. Crore)

Sl. No.	State	2004-05		2005-06	
		Normative Allocation	Release	Normative Allocation	Release (upto 20.2.2006)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	90	88.97	100	187.69
2	Arunachal Pradesh	35	0.00	52	53.82
3	Assam	75	164.52	176	190.29
4	Bihar	150	29.58	332	181.56
5	Chhattisgarh	87	218.68	330	275.07
6	Goa	5	0.00	5	0.0..
7	Gujarat	50	0.00	60	70.56
8	Haryana	20	28.60	25	20.56
9	Himachal Pradesh	60	13.95	132	167.14
10	Jammu & Kashmir	20	20.00	60	70.35
11	Jharkhand	110	0.00	195	150.49
12	Karnataka	95	0.00	105	143.02

1	2	3	4	5	6
13	Kerala	20	10.39	25	42.41
14	Madhya Pradesh	213	260.96	535	341.29
15	Maharashtra	130	0.00	140	70.34
16	Manipur	20	18.00	28	0.00
17	Meghalaya	35	0.00	40	0.00
18	Mizoram	20	47.85	27	0.00
19	Nagaland	20	18.00	25	0.00
20	Orissa	175	178.75	268	212.09
21	Punjab	25	0.00	30	48.90
22	Rajasthan	130	653.94	286	428.10
23	Sikkim	20	0.00	25	25.00
24	Tamil Nadu	80	79.78	85	58.95
25	Tripura	25	0.00	35	21.76
26	Uttar Pradesh	315	328.76	445	643.86
27	Uttaranchal	60	0.00	95	0.00
28	West Bengal	135	275.90	221	345.58
	Total	2220	2436.64	3882.00	3748.82

Multi-Purpose National Identity Cards

*68. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd November, 2005, and state:

(a) which are the complexities that the Government of India is issuing Multipurpose National Identity Cards;

(b) the details of States in which this project has been undertaken on pilot basis; and

(c) when such a pilot project was started and whether any time-frame has been fixed within which the project is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Multipurpose National Identity Cards involves complex process and technological issues. The process and methodology require collection of personal data, photographs and finger biometry, integration of data, verification of citizenship as per Indian Citizenships Act, 1955, preparation of National Population Register and allocation of National Identity Number (NIN) to each and every citizen. The